



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

January 30, 2019

Justin Gordon  
Open Records Division  
Office of the Attorney General  
P.O. Box 12548  
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

RE: OOG ID# 012-19

Dear Mr. Gordon:

On January 11, 2019, the Office of the Governor (the "OOG") received a modified request under the Public Information Act ("PIA") from Mr. Brett Barrouquere.<sup>1</sup> A copy of the initial request and modified request are attached as Exhibit A. In accordance with section 552.301 of the PIA, the OOG timely submitted to your office a request for an Open Records Letter Ruling on the information. The OOG now withdraws the request for an Open Records Letter Ruling because it will release the responsive information to the requestor.

Should you need additional information, please contact me at 512-463-1750 or via email at [publicrecords@gov.texas.gov](mailto:publicrecords@gov.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

Joseph Behnke  
Public Information Coordinator  
Assistant General Counsel  
Office of Governor Greg Abbott

cc: Brett Barrouquere  
VIA EMAIL ONLY

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<sup>1</sup> The OOG was closed January 21, 2019, for a holiday.

# **EXHIBIT A**

Johanna Meade

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From: 67113-47905562@requests.muckrock.com  
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 4:56 PM  
To: Public Records  
Subject: 012-19 Barrouquere - Request

Office of the Governor  
Texas Public Information Act Office  
P.O. Box 12428  
Austin, TX 78711

January 8, 2019

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Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Brett Barrouquere 334-956-8234

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**From:** Public Records  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 5:01 PM  
**To:** 67113-47905562@requests.muckrock.com  
**Subject:** 012-19 Barrouquere - Request for Clarification

Mr. Barrouquere:

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Your narrowing or clarification of this request does not preclude you from making future requests for additional information. After we receive your response, we can begin a search of our records for the information you are seeking. If the OOG does not receive a response from you by the 61st day after the date this email is sent, your request will be considered withdrawn. See Gov't Code § 552.222(d), (g). The withdrawal of your request does not preclude you from requesting the same or other information in the future. You can reach us at [publicrecords@gov.texas.gov](mailto:publicrecords@gov.texas.gov) or 512-463-1750 with any questions.

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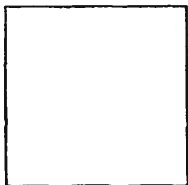
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**From:** Brett Barrouquere <brett.Barrouquere@splcenter.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 9, 2019 9:55 AM  
**To:** Public Records  
**Subject:** 011-19 and 012-19 Response to Clarification

Hi,

I received your response about narrowing my records request, both for FRC and ADF communications. The following agencies and departments can be excluded from both requests:

The Texas Film Commission  
The Texas Music Office  
Texas Tourism  
The Office of Military Preparedness  
Human Resources

If I find any others that may be excluded, I'll contact you.

Brett

Brett Barrouquere  
Investigative Reporter  
Southern Poverty Law Center  
400 Washington Ave.  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
334\*956\*8234  
brett.barrouquere@splcenter.org

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**Joseph Behnke**

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**From:** 67113-47905562@requests.muckrock.com  
**Sent:** Friday, January 11, 2019 10:32 AM  
**To:** Public Records  
**Subject:** RE: Texas Public Information Act Request: FOIA request for FRC and Tony Perkins communications

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Austin, TX 78711

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This is a follow up to a previous request:

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You may exclude the Texas Film Commission  
The Texas Music Office  
Texas Tourism

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